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SUBJECT: LOS: TRAVEL OF MYRON NORDQUIST

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1. KEY SUB-CABINET GOSL OFFICIAL ON LOS MATTERS, S. MATTURI OF MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHO WAS MAINSTAY OF GOSL DEL AT CARACAS SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE, IS EXPECTED TO BE IN FREETOWN DURING PERIOD OF NORDQUIST TRAVEL IN WEST AFRICA. EMBASSY BELIEVES UTILITY OF NORDQUIST VISIT HERE MARGINAL, HOWEVER, UNLESS DEPT KNOWS OF PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENTS AT CARACAS OF WHICH WE NOT AWARE, SINCE GOSL IS BASICALLY FOLLOWER OF OTHER AFRICAN STATES ON ALMOST ALL FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO BE INFLUENTIAL IN MODERATING VIEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. GOSL BASIC VIEWS ON LOS MATTERS REMAIN, TO BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THAT IT PREPARED RESCIND PRESENT 200 MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS LEGISLATION IF GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED ON 12 MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND 200- MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AND THAT IT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT PROSPECTIVE PROVISIONS ON FISHERIES WITHIN ECONOMIC ZONE, POLLUTION, AND DEGREE COASTAL STATE CONTROL OVER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN ECONOMIC ZONE.

2. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME NORDQUIST VISIT IF NORDQUIST BELIEVES DISCUSSIONS WITH MATTURI WOULD HAVE HIGH ENOUGH
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